

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
February 7, 2017**

The Community Services Block Grant funds the delivery of services to low income Texas residents in all 254 counties. These funds support a variety of direct services in addition to helping maintain the core administrative elements of community action agencies.

For the City of Austin, the grant provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, case management, preventive health and employment support services through the City's six (6) Neighborhood Centers and the three (3) Outreach Sites.

- **Basic Needs** (food, clothing, information and referral, notary services, transportation, school supplies, car safety education and car seats, tax preparation, Blue Santa applications, fans, Thanksgiving food baskets and other seasonal activities);
- **Preventive Health** (screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol; pregnancy testing; health promotion presentations, coordination and participation in health fairs, immunizations, coordination of wellness activities, linkages to medical home providers);
- **Case Management** (individual/family support counseling, advocacy, self-sufficiency case management, crisis intervention, linkages with employers, educational opportunities and training, and working with individuals on quality of life issues);
- **Employment Support** (intake, assessment and goal setting, job readiness training, job placement assistance, and job retention services)

Expenditures Categories	2016 Contract Extension to 3/31/17	Cumulative Expenditures as of 12/31/2016	% of Total
Personnel	\$664,253.00	\$573,490.84	86%
Fringe Benefits	\$369,685.00	\$320,889.87	87%
Contractual	\$111,624.00	\$103,684.04	93%
Other	\$12,630.00	\$ 9,269.28	73%
Total	\$1,158,192.00	\$1,007,334.03	87%

Austin Public Health Final Update on PY16 Community Action Plan

MISSION: To prevent disease, promote health, and protect the well-being of our community.

TOP 5 NEEDS: Employment; housing services; education; basic needs, health

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NPI	Description	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
Goal 1: Low-income people become more self-sufficient.		± 20%			achieved/target
1.1	Employment				
1.1 A	Unemployed and obtained a job	60	146	101	168%
1.1 B	Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	16	160	42	263%
1.1 C	Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	60	175	97	162%
1.1 D	Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	7	137	24	343%
1.3	Economic Assessment Enhancement and Utilization	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
1.3 A	Number and percent of participants in tax preparation programs who qualified for any type of Federal or State tax credit and the expected aggregate dollar amount of credits	125	256	136	108.8%
Goal 6: Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive environments.					
6.1	Seniors/Disabled				
6.1 A	Senior Citizens		2395		
6.1 B	Individuals with Disabilities		1309		
6.2	Emergency Services		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.2 A	Emergency Food		41091	41091	100.00%
6.2 B	Emergency fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources		214	214	100.00%
6.2 C	Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance		238	238	100.00%
6.2 F	Emergency Medical Care		7019	7019	100.00%
6.2 I	Emergency Transportation		146	146	100.00%
6.2 K	Emergency Clothing		595	595	100.00%
6.3	Child and Family Development	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.3 A	Infants and children obtain age-appropriate immunizations, medical, and dental care	65	166	166	255%
6.3 J	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved parenting skills	40	89	55	137.50%
6.3 K	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	220	610	235	106.82%

Transition Out of Poverty Goal					
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty	45	76		166%

1. Annual Update and Review of Community Action Plan Measures –

Austin Public Health met or exceeded all Community Action Plan goals for the year. The primary focus of our work has been transitioning people out of poverty and we have exceeded both TDHCA's goal for the City of Austin, and the number we transitioned in 2015.

Specific Strategies –

a) Case Management- We have strengthened our case management system to ensure we meet or exceed TDHCA's goal for transitioning people out of poverty each year. We have worked to ensure staff have the right tools to successfully help people achieve self-sufficiency.

b) Workforce Solutions and Re-Entry- Our partnership with Workforce Solutions continues to grow. This year we have also provided training for staff to help us better assist individuals with a criminal background re-enter the workforce successfully.

c) Homelessness Prevention - We began offering additional assistance to clients whose housing is at risk. Through City of Austin social services funding, we have been able to assist many clients who faced a crisis that put their housing at risk. We will continue to build this program in 2017.

2. **CDC By-laws** – The CDC's recommended updates were submitted and we are working with the City Clerk's office to schedule the item for the City Council's Audit and Finance Committee. The update to the City Code approved by Council reduced the membership of the Commission to 15 members, and the CDC's quorum requirement changed accordingly.
3. **East Austin Community Development Commission Member** – We have worked with the East Cesar Chavez contact team to schedule the nomination/election meeting and now plan to hold this process in conjunction with their March, 2017 meeting.

Story of Success

A woman in her early 60s came into the Rosewood-Zaragosa Center seeking assistance. She had been working in a physically strenuous job which she could no longer continue due to her health. She also had previous issues with addiction, and was in recovery, living in a sober home. Through the partnership with Workforce Solutions, she entered a training program to update her administrative and computer skills. During her training, she received assistance to help maintain her housing. She found temporary employment and was later hired as a permanent employee with benefits in her new position, and transitioned out of poverty as a result.